



# 2006 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices Application Form

(See Award Program Guidelines, Ecology publication #04-04-006, Rev. 4/05)

## Applications must be postmarked by June 2, 2006.

Please read the Award Program Guidelines (Pub. # 04-04-006, Rev. 4/05) before filling out this application. Your application should be no more than six pages. (You do not need to repeat the questions in your response.) You may also submit up to 10 pages of supporting material. We strongly encourage electronic applications. If submitting a paper application, please supply three unbound copies.

### Send the completed application to:

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This award recognizes facilities and organizations that employ **sustainable practices** in moving towards sustainability.

**Sustainability** – the long-term goal of Washington – supports a vital economy, a healthy environment and strong communities. It means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Sustainable practices** are efficient, positive for the environment, and support both local and supplier communities. They may entail redesign of products, processes and services. They reduce or eliminate waste and emissions, reduce reliance on toxic substances and fossil fuels, protect biodiversity and conserve materials, energy and water.

You can find example applications from past winners on the Governor's Award Website. Check the Department of Ecology's Sustainability Website for more information on sustainability and sustainable practices: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability> Another good source of information is the booklet *A Field Guide to Sustainability* (Pub. 03-04-005); see: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0304005.html>

### Your answers should:

- ✓ Show **MEASUREMENTS – POUNDS – GALLONS – KILOWATT HOURS -- ETC.**
- ✓ Cover at least the past three years.
- ✓ Show change per unit of product or service.
- ✓ Show the time period for your efforts.
- ✓ Address your sustainable practices throughout the full range of your operations.
- ✓ If a question does not apply to your facility or organization, explain why.

## Part 1 – Identification

Company/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Product/Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility location: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*If someone other than the contact person completed this application, please provide the following information, in case we have questions.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for this award before? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you submitting attachments? \_\_\_\_\_ Are they being sent separately? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a: ☐ Commercial enterprise? ☐ Not for profit organization? ☐ Government? ☐ School?

How many employees or regular volunteers do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 2 – Overview

1. **Briefly** describe your business or organization.
2. Have you received any **environmental awards** during the last five years? What and when?
3. Have you had any **environmental violations** during the last five years? What and when?  
*Environmental violations refer to citations, notices of violation, orders, and penalties/fines.*

## Part 3 – Your Efforts

4. **How much** have you reduced your consumption of materials? (Show measurements) Which ones? How did you do that?  
*This refers to your consumption of raw materials (natural and man-made), supplies and equipment.*

5. **How much have you changed to materials that are more sustainable? (Show measurements) How did you do that?**  
*This refers to materials that are more common, less toxic, more durable, more easily recycled, more safely assimilated by nature at the end of the product's life, or from renewable sources.*
6. **How much recycled material do you buy? (Show measurements) What type?**  
*This refers to buying raw materials, items or supplies made from recycled, rather than virgin, stock.*
7. **How much have you reduced your consumption of fresh water? (Show measurements) How did you do that?**  
*This refers to the use of fresh water in your process, product, or service. If you use recycled water, it can come from on- or off-site.*
8. **How much have you reduced your consumption of energy? (Show measurements) How did you do that?**  
*This refers to reducing your direct energy use, including employee commuting.*
9. **How much have you changed your energy use from non-renewable to renewable sources? (Show measurements) How did you do that?**  
*This refers to changing from fossil fuels to renewable sources, such as solar, wind and tidal. Show also any contributions you have made to renewable energy programs.*
10. **How much have you reduced or eliminated waste and emissions? (Show measurements) How did you do that?**  
*This includes the waste your operations generate and both the permitted and unpermitted emissions and discharges from your operations. Show also any contributions you have made to programs that mitigate the negative effects of using fossil fuels, such as carbon dioxide buyback. If you reduced waste through recycling, describe what happens to the material you collect for recycling.*
11. **Is your product or service environmentally superior to others? Why?**  
*This refers to aspects of your product or service that have a more positive effect upon the environment during their entire life cycle.*
12. **What have you done to reduce negative effects upon biodiversity from the manufacturing or use of your products or services?**  
*This refers to your efforts to evaluate and reduce any negative effects upon biodiversity from your operations, production and consumer use of your products or services. It includes effects upon the area where your materials or resources are extracted or harvested through to where your product or service is used.*
13. **What have been the economic benefits of your efforts, to your company and your community? What have been the costs?**  
*This refers to benefits such as increasing efficiency per unit produced, eliminating disposal fees, developing new markets, and reducing liability exposure. Costs described should include the "externalized costs" to your community from providing your service or from the use and final disposal of your product.*
14. **What have been the benefits to your employees or volunteers of your efforts?**  
*This refers to benefits such as increased worker satisfaction, reduced worker exposure to hazards, and improved employee/employer relations.*

**15. What have you done to support your local community? To support our global community?**

*This refers to contributions to environmental well-being in your facility's neighborhood and in the communities that provide your resources. It includes promoting "environmental justice" – the equitable distribution of environmental benefits and risks among diverse economic and cultural communities*

**16. How were your efforts innovative from what is commonly practiced in your field?**

*Did you take new or different approaches? Did you solve problems in ways that had not been explored? Did you overcome barriers or challenges, such as engineering problems, distance to markets or resistance from others in your field?*

**17. What environmental leadership have you shown?**

*Have you helped others move towards sustainability? Have you mentored others or shared your knowledge with your community, industry, or association?*

**18. Do you follow environmentally preferable purchasing guidelines? Describe them.**

*Identify the products you purchase, such as recycled paper that has been processed chlorine free or hybrid cars. Explain your procedures for identifying environmentally preferable products, such as "Green Seal" labels or other certification systems.*

**19. If you sell a product, what happens to it after its use?**

*Can it be: Reused or reclaimed? (If so, what share is being reused or reclaimed?) Returned? (For example, in a product stewardship program.) Safely assimilated by nature at the end of its useful life?*

***Please note: By applying, applicants grant permission to the Washington State Department of Ecology to publish a summary of their accomplishments.***



*If you need this information in an alternate format, please call the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. If you are a person with a speech or hearing impairment, call 711, or 800-833-6388 for TTY.*